

Water Transfer Work Group Meeting Minutes June 6th 2011

Attendees: Chuck Garner, Teresa Hauser, Dave Brown, Larry Martin, Stuart Crane, Paul LaRiviere, Kurt Walker, Melissa Downes and Bill Ferry. Ann Wantanabe and Tom Ring participated via phone.

Chuck Garner opened the meeting and introductions were made around the room.

Changes to Minutes from May 2nd meeting.

Melissa wanted to clarify that -2011-35-Talerico should have stated the proposal was previously in front of the Kittitas County Water Conservancy Board and also had an Order Pendente Lite (OPL) from the Yakima Adjudication Court. Ann stated that it had been withdrawn and is not active.

New Proposals

2011-42: Melissa turned it over for Kurt to explain. Aukema and McGinnis proposal is for domestic use in an area near Lake Cle Elum where there have been several determinations already. They feel comfortable with it and see no issues. Paul confirmed that there are not any concerns on his side and Tom said it looks "OK". The group gave it a thumbs-up recommendation.

2011-43: Kurt explained that this is a water budget neutral request for a permit-exempt well domestic use for Kittitas County Fire District No. 7. This will be a new fire facility with 2 paramedics. The water will not be used to refill the truck and will not be used for fire service. It will be Boot and Ditch water purchased in 2009 from the Yakima Basin. BOR –"there is consumption Use servings". Currently the water is used for cabin owners. Kurt stated that Ecology has requested more information and comment from the fish group which is due by June 17. Ecology staff has completed a hydrogeologic (HG) analysis for the well and requested comments from the fish group about the wells possible impact to Newport Creek. Paul said he would go check it out in the near future. Ann noted that there might be a request for permit instead of a water budget neutral request. This proposal did not receive a thumbs up at this time, more information is needed.

Other Issues

An internet like will be emailed to the WTWG for tracking mitigation bank performance. Larry Martin posed a question: Can you transfer water from a WBNR that wasn't used to a new location? Ecology did not have an immediate response, the answer will be made available at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned with next meeting being on June 27th 2011 at 1:00 p.m.